

OPENING of The "Session" at Jefferson City--A Study of the Atmosphere There and Some of the Striking Figures That Help to Make It.

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Jefferson City, Jan. 9.—Within the bare and cold walls of the massive Capitol, built in 1837, the Legislature once again assembled.

Few States in the Union possess a more impressive Capitol, chiefly because of the site upon the highest bluff in the city, 120 feet above the river, which bears the name of our Commonwealth. It has history, majesty and beauty. Thus, with the preliminary impression forced upon one by the Capitol, the convening of the General Assembly this year was an event full of sentiment and solemnity.

There is something about this building, something that attaches to the House and Senate chambers, that belongs to the men who occupy the members' seats, which seems more effectively than any place or locality in the State to speak the plain word—Missouri.

On the walls you see badly painted and faded portraits of the great Missourians of the past—Blair, Benton, and the rest, and others dear to the memory of Missourians—General Jackson, for instance—who, it occurs, is riding triumphantly over fallen rebels on a horse which never could trot, pace nor gallop on the legs that the artist vouchsafed.

These surroundings are something to set reflection afoot, weaving up a feeling for your native State. But especially is this

true of the men you see, who bespeak Missouri. Mix with them a while and you will be confident that you do not belong to an offshoot of Kentucky, or to a dragnet for Iowa, or to the conglomerate "South"; but that you are of Missouri, or, if you choose, Missouri.

CITIES ARE NOT STATE.
Also, you will be more than confident that Missouri is not St. Louis, or Kansas City, or St. Joe, that you may know all the cities very well, but understand nothing at all about Missouri. You may know the city ways and be able to "figure" the city man on any proposition. Yet you will need additional time when the clans gather at Jefferson City.

He of the country may be a "kayabo" or a "Reube" when he comes to the city, but you are the go-to-it and the Reube if you go to the country districts without knowing how to act in Rome as the Romans. The man whom it would occur to you as having happened in his hair when subjects in his province are up talking more gray matter within a short space of time and in a strictly Missouri vocabulary than you could assimilate on the same question during a month of application. So, on the whole, a brief study of our Legislature awakens a deep interest in it, and, on the whole, a respect for it.

The burning accusation against the Legislature is that it "lobbies" or "bobbies," the latter word conveying most to us of St. Louis. But the charge does not fasten particularly in the House, upon the majority



LOUIS J. TICHACEK.
St. Louis legislator who makes more motions than anybody.

crops up, too many of them will become law.

GIBSON'S POLITICAL DEBUT.
His explanation of his entry into politics is undoubtedly a curio.
"I was born under a tobacco leaf," said he, "and I have been a politician ever since. I've got my share of hard-luck and pain. Now, by gosh, I've a thousand acres of usually active members. They are all good parliamentarians and many are forceful debaters. The type is exemplified in four of the leading younger men: Newlan Conkling of Carroll County, E. P. Morris of Oregon County, A. C. Duncan, the Speaker pro tem, of Buchanan County, and J. M. Atkinson, a new member, from Ripley County."

DRUGGIST LEGISLATOR.
The youngest member is a druggist, E. M. Riley, of Clay County. He has just passed the age limit—24—and was under the mark when nominated. He is the only apothecary in the roster, and he is puzzling how ever a man got from dispensing drugs into the political arena. When asked about it, he replied that he "sensed" the citizens down his way thought he was a pretty good apothecary, so he sent him up to the Legislature to hypothesize.

Though St. Louis has sent nobody who appears so strongly as a Missourian, pure and simple, it has sent a representative of its Bohemians who is claiming much as a Bohemian. Louis J. Tichacek, of St. Louis, was variously pronounced by the Speaker as "Taka-chek," "Taka-a-chek" and with other variations.

He has never been a Representative before, but that fact does not interfere with his shrewdness nor his culture, truly representative, often commanding, often with a quiver of humor, often with a conscience-clinging sense of responsibility in office.

Joseph W. Polk, whose pre-eminence as an authority on hoodlery will be admitted, says that the majority is always honest and true, and a study of our Legislature, and that the principle applies to the young lawyers, the tradesmen, the ministers, doctors and farmers who compose the Assembly.

In the House of Representatives, as the name would indicate, are to be found the most typical Missourians. In the Senate the districts are larger, and the members must "belong" to a larger territory in order to gain a nomination and election. It is impossible for them to know their every constituent. They are not so close to the people, and so the Senator is likely more a politician than a Missourian, in the full sense of this latter word.

SENATOR JOHN MORTON.
Of the Democratic majority in the Senate the personality of John Morton seems the best illustration of a graduation from the rank of mere people's representative into a politician. From the cold observer's point of view he is the most interesting figure in the upper house. His is the reputation of being a "smooth" proposition to them all. But his debonair appearance, the manner in which he parries the inquirer with a jest, gives never a hint of a familiarity with what transpires behind the scenes.

Four years, Morton, though still a young man, has been prominent at the assembly. Though he may be more politician than Missourian, his humor often has the Missouri flavor. The other day Senator Jewell introduced a Sunday-closing law aimed at the saloons. Morton perked up when he grasped, at its first reading, the bill involved.

His eyes twinkling, he first looked at Jewell, then addressed the chair.
"Mr. President," he said, "I ask the reading of that bill, that sort of bill ought to be read carefully. I didn't catch the name."

It was read, distinctly, and slowly. Then said Morton in an undertone to "Do you mean it?"

"The Senate has a wide gap this year. The time comes when it is no more. It was Morton, Frank Parris, and Jim Orchard. The latter failed of nomination, and is now in private life, and the triumvirate has passed out of existence, though Morton would not believe the latter, have bobbed up secretly."

GIBSON OF BEE BRANCH.
I wonder how many people in Missouri know Gibson of Bee Branch. He is a search for such a place, yet one of the most striking Missourians of the House is Gibson of Bee Branch.

This is how Gibson came to be from Bee Branch. He was a member of the House in 1898. The immediate appropriation of \$2000 to quarantine smallpox in certain counties was before the House. Then a new member—a gray-haired man with the hair of a jester—came in, and he would not let a "joke" be made of it. He would not let a "joke" be made of it. He would not let a "joke" be made of it.

It was known to Speaker Whitecotton, and the latter asked:
"Where are you from?"
"From Bee Branch," said the member.
"What, Mr. Speaker, of coonskins and honey."

The House was in an uproar.
"Where's that?" asked the speaker.
"That's up in Chariton County," spoke Gibson. "God's own country, where we've got a tree a corner of every tree rich onto most anything else."

It is needless to say that afterward when Gibson of Bee Branch arose his fellows present, and out between the hills near Gibson's farm.

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Prof. H. C. Perkins of the Well-Known Perkins & Hoppel Business College of St. Louis Speaks Firmly and Plainly.

MEAN WITH GRAY HAIRS ALARMED.

Whether it is right or wrong it is a fact that capable men who have held responsible positions for years are becoming alarmed and are on the statement that "it really is their employer is going to arrange the force for this coming year. Men who are getting gray, whether from age or prematurely gray, no matter what their ability may be, how long they have held their positions, are now on the anxious seat, and are not sure by any means how long they will remain, for a great many concerns are fast replacing men who appear to be getting old with younger men, and in most cases with less capable men. Prof. Perkins, who for the past twenty years has been at the head of the great commercial and business college of Perkins and Hoppel, whose well-equipped school rooms are in the Lincoln Trust Building, and whose school is recognized as being the best and most thorough in the West, speaking plainly on the subject of gray hairs. The following letter gives the public the benefit of his experience:

ST. LOUIS, MO., Nov. 28, 1902.
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Gentlemen—I have used De Lacy's Hair Tonic with most gratifying results. I am much younger than I was before I used it. It not only did the work for me, but I know personally of any number of my friends whose hair was almost white, and who used two or three bottles of it and entirely brought the gray hairs back to the original color, the same as it did for me. As a cure for Dan-duff your remedy is certainly a perfect success, for I was troubled very badly with Dan-duff before using De Lacy's Tonic, but to-day there is not a trace. I like it because it does all that you claim, and is neither sticky or greasy, but, on the other hand, leaves the hair in a fine, soft, smooth condition, and I do not hesitate to lend to De Lacy's Hair Tonic my most hearty endorsement. It is certainly a remedy of wonderful merit. I advise all men and women who want to get rid of their gray hairs to use it. Sincerely yours very truly,
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son House, when some one chanced to ask a very personal question of Colonel Hyley, who was standing near.

"Colonel," he said, "why is it that a handsome man like you never married?"
The handsome man, a not overlarge figure in Prince Albert and politician's hat, under which hung pendant flowing gray locks, was not embarrassed. His eyes twinkled and the query evidently stirred to life memories long dead.

"I wish I had," he answered. "I might now have a family to care for me and glory in the fact of my old age. It was not long ago, when I first came to Jefferson City, when I was called into court by a less than person than the young lady's father, and asked to make the race for her hand, but I withdrew in favor of a certain Obadiah Smith, and Obadiah was elected, which earned me the great displeasure of papa-in-law, and, in the end, I doubt if Obadiah was ever pleased."

"I was coming up from Old Mexico, where I had been hunting for mineral and found a lot, but I had little gold in it. While coming over the hills in the southern part of Missouri I struck in with a man who was then State Senator, Senator Hullett, who was on his way to Jeff City for the Assembly."

"Hullett had his daughter, and not far away was Obadiah, who had got elected Representative so as to stick near old Hullett's daughter. Hullett had no manner of use for Obadiah and took a fancy to me. You'll pardon me, gentlemen, for assuming this much, it is not lack of modesty, merely statement of a fact. Hullett made me promise to come up to Jeff."

"He wanted to make me page in the Senate, but I had a lot more money than he and I didn't think page suited to my dignity. But I learned that the move was to leave me near at hand in the campaign against Obadiah. Well, the bid was pretty enough, but I balked on the proposition and started back home. Obadiah got the girl. I believe I had better all round if I'd linked up with the Hulletts."

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